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SUBJECT: SOVIETS HINT AT INTEREST IN LIMITING NAVIES IN
INDIAN OCEAN

USA INSTITUTE DIRECTOR YURI ARBATOV HAS SUGGESTED PRIVATELY
ON FEBRUARY 25 THAT THE US AND THE USSR GET TOGETHER ON POSSIBLE
NAVAL LIMITATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH A
GROUP OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS CURRENTLY VISITING THE USSR, ARBATOV
ALSO MADE ONE OF THE RARE REFERENCES TO GENERAL SECRETARY
BREZHNEV'S SPEECH IN 1971 THAT CALLED FOR LIMITS ON NAVAL DE-
PLOYMENTS BY THE TWO GREAT POWERS FAR FROM THEIR OWN SHORES.
THAT SPEECH BREZHNEV WAS PUTTING ON RECORD AN IDEA FIRST
PROPOSED BY AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH, 1971.
THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW BELIEVES THAT ARBATOV'S REMARKS
IN ADDITION TO AN AUTHORITATIVE "OBSERVER" ARTICLE IN

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FRANCA ON FEBRUARY 27 PROVIDE A BASIS FOR OFFICIAL INQUIRIES ABOUT SOVIET INTEREST IN NAVAL LIMITATION AGREEMENTS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE "OBSERVER" ARTICLE DID NOT MENTION BREZHNEV'S PROPOSAL OF 1971, BUT IT DID REPEAT THE FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO AN INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE THAT WERE INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO INDIA IN NOVEMBER.

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